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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN AMNESTY

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1. SUMMARY. MAY 8 ROMANIAN AMNESTY IN HONOR OF
CENTENNIAL IS MOST COMPREHENSIVE WHICH WE CAN RECALL.
IT IS CLAIMED TO AFFECT SOME 28,500 PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH
DECREE CONTAINS NO SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS, E.G. CRIMES
AGAINST STATE SECURITY, AS HAVE PREVIOUS AMNESTIES,
IT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAR TO EXTEND TO MANY OF
DISSIDENTS RECENTLY ARRESTED OR DETAINED, AS NOTED
IN REFTTEL B. END SUMMARY.

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2. AMNESTY IS CLEARLY MOST COMPREHENSIVE OF THOSE
IN RECENT MEMORY, I.E. SINCE 1974. AT LEAST AS
PUBLISHED, DECREE CONTAINS NO EXCEPTIONS FOR CRIMES
SUCH AS ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSING, RAPE, ABORTION AND
ACTS ENDANGERING STATE SECURITY, WHICH IN THE PAST
HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOME AMNESTIES.

HOWEVER, AS NOTED REFTTEL B, ONE WESTERN CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN TOLD BY GOR OFFICIAL THAT IT DOES NOT EXTEND TO THOSE CHARGED WITH PASSING STATE SECRETS OR DOCUMENTS. NOR DOES GOMA'S RELEASE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CONTINGENT UPON AMNESTY DECREE.

3. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS SAID TO EFFECT SOME 19,000 PERSONS WHO WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THEIR PRESENT SENTENCES, AND ANOTHER 9,500 FOR WHOM PENDING JUDICIAL ACTION AND/OR SENTENCING WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT. COMPLETE AMNESTY IS GRANTED FOR ALL CRIMES WHOSE SENTENCE IS UP TO THREE YEARS; PARDON IS GRANTED FOR THOSE UP TO FIVE. SOMEWHAT UNUSUALLY, EVEN THOSE SERVING REPEAT SENTENCES OR HABITUAL OFFENDERS ARE PARDONED OR AMNESTIED IF THEIR SENTENCE IS LESS THAN TWO YEARS. SENTENCES FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS AND FINES ARE ALSO EXCUSED.

4. IF SOMEONE PARDONED OR AMNESTIED UNDER THIS DECREE COMMITS SAME CRIME WITHIN NEXT THREE YEARS, HIS FUTURE SENTENCE IS ALSO TO INCLUDE THAT PORTION OF THE OLD ONE WHICH WAS NOT SERVED.

5. COMMENT: IF INITIAL REPORTS PROVE CORRECT THAT AMNESTY DOES NOT IN FACT APPLY TO DISSIDENTS, WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT GOR DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SEEMINGLY EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY. EVEN IF, AS MAY BE THE CASE, INDIVIDUAL DEALS HAVE OR WILL BE STRUCK IN CASE OF DISSIDENTS, WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED GOR TO CLAIM CREDIT IN THIS REGARD ANYHOW.
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